**Personal Essay Requirements**

In "Names/Nombres", we read a personal essay about a girl who came to America and was fascinated about her family's names. She also discussed how American's responded to her family's unique names. In this personal essay, you will explore the story behind your name, it's meaning and your feelings about it. **Please follow this outline when creating your 5 paragraph personal essay. It will help you organize your paper. Your 2 page TYPED essay is due on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and is worth 100 points. Attached is the rubric on how your essay will be graded.   
  
Paragraph I - Introduction:   
A**. **Hook**: To grab your reader's attention  
**B.** How are names a part of a person's history?   
**C.** How do name practices vary from one culture to another?  
**D**.State your full name and **thesis statement**  
  
**Paragraph II - Your Story:**  
**A**: How did you come to be named?  
**B:** What is the "story" behind your name?  
**C**. What nicknames do you have? What do you prefer to be called?   
  
**Paragraph III - History & Meaning :***( You must site this source! www.behindthename.com)* **A.** What is the usage, history and meaning behind your first name?   
**B**. What is the usage, history and meaning behind your middle name?  
**C**. What is the usage, history and meaning behind your last name?  
**D**. Were you surprised by anything you read?  
  
**Paragraph IV - Reflection:   
A.** How do you feel about your name in the beginning? (first, middle, last)  
**B**. How do you feel about your name after researching it? (first, middle, last) **C**. Would you keep your name or select your own? Why?  
  
**Paragraph V - Conclusion:**   
**A.** What are some new unique details you learned about your name?  
**B**. Did you enjoy learning about where your name came from?  
**C**. Were you surprised by anything you read?